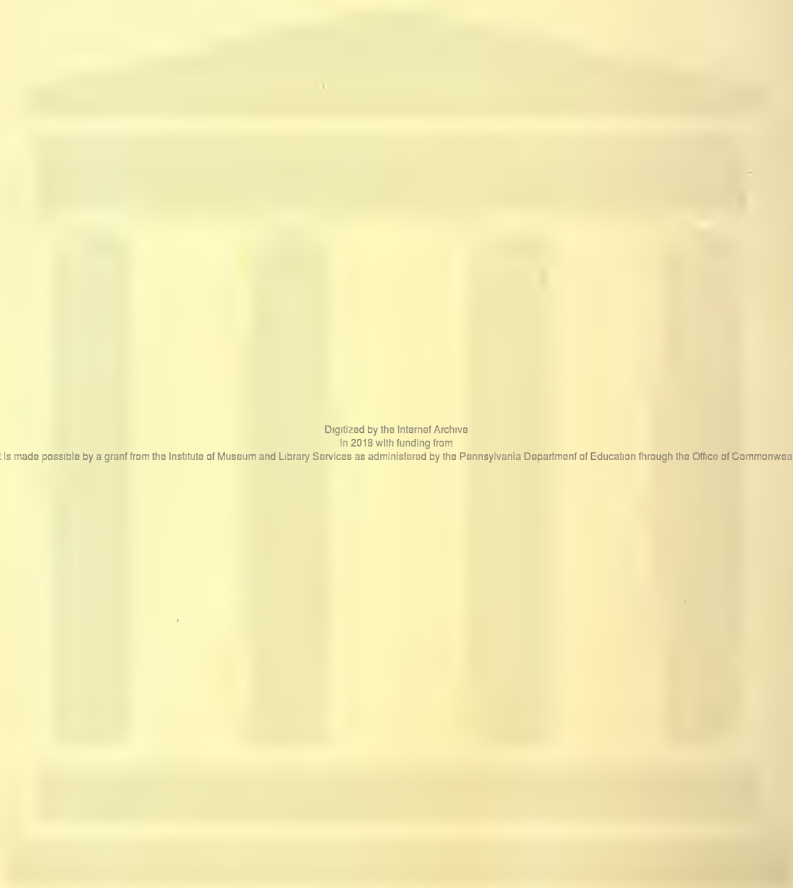


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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY CONTROLLER  
OF  
HARRISBURG, PENN'A,

From January 13, 1873, to January 12, 1874, inclusive.



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*To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Harrisburg :*

I have the honor to herewith transmit to you my first annual report as City Controller, showing a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Harrisburg; the account of Grafton Fox, City Treasurer, with the city, and a statement of the debt of the city, all for the fiscal year ending January 12th, A. D. 1874. This being the first official report of my term of office and the first since the office has been created, I have expended much time and care in the examination of the said accounts, which will, in a great measure, account for the delay in its final completion.

During the past year our country has again experienced a severe financial crisis, the effects of which, upon the monetary world, have not yet subsided; but it is the source of congratulation that our city has sustained her credit in promptly meeting the interest on her funded debt, and expended a large amount of money in municipal improvements.

An examination of the statement of the city debt shows, that for every dollar the city owes on "Improvement Bonds," a like amount is due by property owners for assessments to pay the same, which assessments are a lien upon the real estate, and consequently the bonded debt of the city is not increased by the issue of these bonds.

A comparison of the ratio of our actual indebtedness to the value of the real estate, subject to taxation, will compare most favorably with that of other cities, thus showing that our municipal bonds rest upon a sure and solid basis.

I trust and believe that, having at heart the prosperity and growth of our beautiful and beloved city, you will find much in the detailed financial accounts submitted to you for encouragement to go on in the management of her financial affairs with that prudence and discretion, which have so signally characterized your efforts heretofore.

I have cancelled all the vouchers produced by the City Treasurer, for expenditures made during the year, except the interest coupons, and I would recommend the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Finance Committee and Controller to destroy the same.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

L. R. METZGER,

*Controller.*

# CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT

## OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

### OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG,

*From the 13th day of January, A. D. 1873, to the 12th day of  
January, 1874, inclusive.*

*GRAFTON FOX, City Treasurer, in account with the City of Har-  
risburg:*

#### DEBTOR.

Balance of city tax 1868, second district, unpaid January 12, 1874.....		\$377 33
Sam'l Crawford, collector first and second wards, city tax 1870.....	\$100 00	
Balance city tax 1870, unpaid Jan. 12, 1874...	159 70	
	<hr/>	259 70
William Weeber, administrator of Elijah Wise's estate, city tax 1870, unpaid Jan. 12, 1874,		433 86
Charles P. Mason, collector first and second wards, 1871.....	\$375 00	
Balance of city tax 1871, unpaid, first and sec- ond wards, January 12, 1874.....	\$744 26	
	<hr/>	1,119 26
Samuel Ulrich, collector sixth ward, 1871, in full,		121 07
Peter K. Myers, collector eighth ward, 1871..	\$75 00	
Balance of city tax 1871, unpaid, eighth ward, Jan. 12, 1871.....	463 79	
	<hr/>	538 79
To cash from collectors for 1872, in full, to wit:		
William Sheesley, first ward.....	\$744 09	
C. E. Janss, second ward.....	374 82	
Valentine Hummel, third ward.....	1,827 49	
George Zinn, fourth ward.....	2,032 73	
J. M. Rockafellar, fifth ward.....	1,903 62	
H. J. Reigle, sixth ward.....	2,504 74	
William Schofield, seventh ward.....	987 28	
John Young, eighth ward.....	1,748 39	
	<hr/>	12,123 16
William H. Cassel, collector city tax, ninth ward, 1872.....	\$1,109 68	
	<hr/>	
Amount forward.....	\$1,109 68	\$14,973 17

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,109 68	\$14,973 17
Balance city tax 1872, ninth ward, unpaid Jan. 12, 1874.....	295 85	
	<hr/>	1,405 53
Amount of city tax levied for 1873, viz:		
First ward.....	\$5,071 88	
Second ".....	4,836 49	
Third ".....	17,125 34	
Fourth ".....	11,523 27	
Fifth ".....	5,684 59	
Sixth ".....	7,231 10	
Seventh ".....	5,536 85	
Eighth ".....	5,649 94	
Ninth ".....	6,012 78	
Rural district.....	3,655 63	
Extra assessments.....	932 08	
	<hr/>	73,259 95
Washington Sturgeon, collector of water rents for 1872, in full,		3,704 57
Washington Sturgeon, collector of water rents for 1873, in full,		32,297 29
Market rents for 1872-73, collected by Geo. Hynicka, clerk,		6,063 75
Market rents for 1872-73, outstanding, subject to exonora- tions, January 12, 1874.....		157 39
Market rents for 1873-74, outstanding, subject to exonora- tions, January 12, 1874.....		7,560 00
Fines and forfeitures.....		56 50
H. Dodge, street sprinkler.....		171 00
Licences—theatres, circuses, &c.....		295 00
Water permits, from No. 1 to 373, inclusive.....		1,309 97
Sewer permits, from No. 501 to 540, inclusive.....		485 00
Weigh scales.....		308 30
Cash for registering dogs.....		134 40
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Briggs street.....		10 67
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Sixth and Muench streets.....		905 01
Cash from property holders for constructing upper Second street sewer.....		130 43
Cash from property holders for constructing James street sewer.....		94 13
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Hanna street.....		163 65
Cash from property holders for constructing middle Second street sewer.....		408 59
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Two-and a-half street.....		116 64
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Susque- hanna street.....		101 35
Amount forward.....		<hr/> \$144,112 29

Amount brought forward.....		\$144,112 29
Cash from property holders for constructing Wallace street sewer.....		45 90
Cash from property holders for constructing Two-and-a-half street sewer.....		225 75
Cash from property holders for constructing James alley sewer.....		77 50
Cash from property holders for constructing Hanna street sewer.....		378 00
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Boas street.....		15 89
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Third street.....		184 80
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Colder street.....	\$220 33	
Improvement bonds Nos. 90 to 97, inclusive, issued for unpaid balances for laying water pipe in Colder street.....	824 32	
	<hr/>	1,044 65
Cash from property holders for constructing North alley sewer.....	\$182 99	
Improvement bond No. 98, issued for unpaid balance for constructing North alley sewer...	30 50	
	<hr/>	213 49
Cash from property holders for constructing Loenst street sewer.....	\$431 95	
Improvement bonds Nos. 99 to 102 inclusive, issued for unpaid balances for constructing Loenst street sewer.....	450 38	
	<hr/>	882 33
Cash from property holders for constructing Cowden street sewer.....	\$221 93	
Improvement bond No. 103, issued for unpaid balances for constructing Cowden street sewer.....	37 39	
	<hr/>	259 32
Cash from property holders for constructing Currant alley sewer.....	\$271 13	
Improvement bonds Nos. 104 to 106 inclusive, for unpaid balances for constructing Currant alley sewer.....	394 23	
	<hr/>	665 36
Cash from property holders for constructing Colder street sewer.....	\$337 88	
Improvement bonds Nos. 107 to 124 inclusive, issued for unpaid balances for constructing Colder street sewer.....	2,621 42	
	<hr/>	2,959 30
Amount forward.....		<hr/> \$151,064 58



Amount brought forward.....		\$151,064 58
Cash from property holders for constructing Hickory alley sewer.....	\$321 92	
Improvem't bond No. 127, issued for unpaid bal- ance for constructing Hickory alley sewer,	78 48	
	<hr/>	400 40
Cash from property holders for constructing Fourth street sewer.....	\$443 29	
Improvement bonds Nos. 125 and 126, issued for unpaid balances for constructing Fourth street sewer.....	273 21	
	<hr/>	716 50
Cash from property holders for constructing Dubbs alley sewer,		108 50
Cash from property holders for constructing Margaretta street sewer .....		72 00
Cash from property holders for constructing William street and Logan alley sewer.....		205 26
Cash from property holders for constructing Reily street sewer,		94 24
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Reily str't,		117 45
Cash from property holders for laying water pipe in Herr str't,		25 54
Improvement bond No. 55, issued for unpaid balance Second street water pipe.....		46 67
Ten bonds of \$5000 each; 175 of \$1000 each; 48 of \$500 each; 157 of \$100 each, issued for New Water Works, amounting to.....		264,700 00
Bonds issued for the redemption of outstanding orders.....		17,800 00
Bonds issued for street damages.....		500 00
Cash received from McCormick's estate, Harrisburg Market company, and Masonic Hall association, for publishing ordinances.....		60 00
Cash received from Charles Grieb, Shearer and Dennehey, permits for erecting iron awnings.....		15 00
Cash received from George Bergner on water bond.....		95
Cash received from sale of Good Will engine house.....		1,130 00
Interest on water rents of the Harrisburg Gas company.....		135 00
Harrisburg Gas company, water rent for the years 1868, '69, '70, '71 and '72, at \$150 per year.....		750 00
Cash from John Yusaw for water rent for the year 1872.....		7 20
Cash from P. Dailey, E. H. Hickok, T. Faley, Geo. Morgan, C. Thompson, George Gran, property returned for taxes,		133 00
Balance due by the city of Harrisburg to Grafton Fox, Esq., Treasnrer, January 12th, 1874, twenty-three hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-five cents.....		2,377 85
	<hr/>	\$440,460 14

## CREDITOR.

Geo. F. Weaver, Esq., late City Treasurer, balance due him, \$387 17

## SALARIES.

W. K. Verbeke, Mayor.....	\$142 84
J. D. Boas, Mayor.....	357 16
City Council.....	432 00
John Shiffler, Clerk to City Council.....	900 00
Grafton Fox, City Treasurer.....	1,274 91
Geo. F. Weaver, City Treasurer.....	25 09
L. R. Metzgar, City Controller.....	458 33
Washington Sturgeon, Water Collector, &c....	850 00
Henry Shellenberger, City Solicitor.....	500 00
George Hynicka, Market Master.....	500 00
D. K. Callender, Janitor to Council.....	640 00
C. A. Wilhelm, Chief of Police.....	205 09
H. A. Hoopes, " ".....	574 91
O. B. Simmons, Keeper Lock-up.....	520 00
H. A. Hoopes, Lieutenant Police.....	170 93
E. G. Painter, " ".....	479 07
W. Weills, Vaccine Physician.....	50 00
A. S. Beehtel, " ".....	50 00
H. M'Gowan, " ".....	50 00
J. H. Fager, " ".....	50 00
H. Hamilton, " ".....	50 00
R. H. Seiler, " ".....	50 00
W.W. Rutherford, " ".....	50 00
J. C. Hutton, " ".....	50 00

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8,430 33

## POLICE CONSTABLES.

Thomas Swoyer.....	\$600 00
James Murphy.....	94 19
H. Everhart.....	86 45
W. C. M'Gann.....	80 77
D. M. Davidson.....	25 33
E. G. Painter.....	96 77
M. Keller.....	18 06
Christian Kautz.....	149 67
C. P. Krause.....	40 00
S. N. Kilgore.....	50 32
George Weaver.....	40 00
J. Sullivan.....	624 51
Thomas Stackhouse.....	353 54
Thomas Winters.....	3 87
W. Longnecker.....	600 00
J. Huffnagle.....	500 63
F. Giep.....	11 61
James Kelley.....	176 77
W. Baker.....	383 23

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Amount forward..... \$3,935 72 \$8,817 50



Amount brought forward.....	\$3,935 72	\$8,817 50
J. Kauffman.....	383 23	
T. Pletz.....	520 00	
R. Rush.....	33 20	
J. Weltmer.....	423 23	
J. D. Hoffman.....	357 18	
T. Jones.....	158 03	
W. Leonard.....	383 23	
J. Powley.....	63 23	
W. N. Brown.....	82 83	
J. Brandt.....	184 00	
	<hr/>	6,523 88

## CITY REGULATORS.

John W. Cowden.....	\$3 75	
H. Alricks, Jr.....	665 92	
H. A. Seiler.....	534 16	
M. B. Cowden.....	700 50	
Killough and Muench, rodmen.....	26 25	
E. Killough, rodman.....	27 50	
John Krammer, rodman.....	13 00	
Elder & Co., stakes.....	7 50	
W. O. Hickok, stakes.....	10 00	
Paid Regulators for surveying for water pipes and sewers.....	57 00	
	<hr/>	2,045 58

## CITY AUDITORS.

I. D. Lutz.....	\$63 00	
A. R. Shellenberger.....	60 00	
Daniel Eppley.....	66 00	
	<hr/>	189 00
George W. Hunter, rent for Mayor's office....		400 00
Moneys refunded.....		26 14

## STRAIGHTENING PAXTON CREEK.

Patrick M'Niff.....	\$200 00	
R. C. Hicks.....	808 28	
	<hr/>	1,008 28

## PRINTING.

George Bergner.....	\$1,721 69	
Morning Patriot.....	1,803 33	
State Journal.....	682 05	
J. G. Ripper.....	34 00	
F. Scheffer.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	4,249 07

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Friendship Fire company.....	\$238 05	
Hope " ".....	178 88	
Citizen " ".....	122 69	
Washington Hose ".....	116 58	
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Amount forward.....	\$656 20	\$23,259 45

Amount brought forward.....	\$656 20	\$23,259 45
Mount Vernon Hook and Ladder company.....	148 88	
Paxton Fire company.....	322 31	
Good Will Fire company.....	477 30	
Hope Fire company building.....	129 77	
New hose.....	1,650 00	
Miscellaneous fire expenses.....	162 07	
Andrew Schlayer, Chief Engineer.....	200 00	
P. A. Reitzel, Assistant ".....	50 00	
Lewis Tress, " ".....	50 00	
J. Geiger, " ".....	50 00	
	<hr/>	3,896 53
TAX ON LOANS.		
Paid Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 1873,		1,205 00
INTEREST ON BONDS.		
Harrisburg Borough bonds.....	\$2,243 13	
City of Harrisburg Coupon bonds.....	15,967 46	
City of Harrisburg Coupon bonds, overdue....	2,753 75	
City of Harrisburg Water Coupon bonds.....	4,395 60	
	<hr/>	25,359 94
STREET DEPARTMENT.		
First district, repairs, &c.....	\$10,784 05	
Second " " ".....	9,095 44	
	<hr/>	19,879 49
BRIDGES.		
General repairs.....		815 71
MARKET LIMITS.		
Miscellaneous expenses incurred.....		826 85
SEWER DEPARTMENT.		
General repairs.....		1,309 42
GAS DEPARTMENT.		
Harrisburg Gas company, amount paid in bonds,	\$12,800 00	
" " " " " " cash..	4,899 20	
General repairs.....	2,928 93	
John Porter, Lamplighter.....	300 00	
Samuel Zeigler, ".....	180 00	
J. Maglaughlin, ".....	90 00	
J. Long, ".....	360 00	
J. C. Orr, ".....	300 00	
	<hr/>	21,858 13
CONTINGENT.		
Miscellaneous expenses.....		1,273 19
GENERAL FUND.		
Inlets to sewers, stops, plugs, &c., to water pipe,		3,214 80
WATER DEPARTMENT.		
John Clark, Engineer.....	\$1,300 00	
A. W. Crissmore, Assistant Engineer.....	750 00	
Daniel Minnich, Fireman.....	750 00	
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Amount forward.....	\$2,800 00	\$102,898 51

Amount brought forward.....	\$2,800 00	\$102,898 51
E. Byers & Son, coal.....	3,324 15	
Mitchell & Haggerty, coal.....	3,809 70	
Wise & Van Hagg, coal.....	441 54	
General repairs at water house, pipes, plugs, &c.	2,236 81	
	<hr/>	12,612 20

## BONDS REDEEMED.

Improvement bonds redeemed.....	\$2,600 00	
Borough " " .....	2,200 00	
City " " .....	2,300 00	
	<hr/>	7,100 00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Damages paid for opening Currant alley.....	\$20 00	
R. R. Chrisman, amount paid for lot.....	1,000 00	
L. Kapphan, damages opening Colder street...	33 00	
Pamphlet Laws.....	1 00	
W. Sturgeon, percentage on Harrisburg car company's water rent.....	6 25	
Harrisburg gas company, interest on orders...	2,376 94	
F. A. Bøhmer, repairing hay scales.....	14 50	
Root & Case, amount paid on hay scales.....	140 00	
George Bergner, lithographing bonds.....	545 00	
	<hr/>	4,136 69

## SEWERS AND WATER PIPES.

Cash paid for constructing sewers and laying water pipe on the following streets and alleys: North alley, Locust street, Cowden street, Currant alley, Fourth street, Colder street, Dubbs alley, Logan alley, and Wil- liam street.....		2,140 56
Improvement bonds issued to pay unpaid bal- ances for laying water pipe and construct- ing sewers on the above streets and alleys,		4,756 60

## NEW WATER WORKS.

Bonds issued for new water works.....	\$264,700 00	
Frederick Trace, digging trenches.....	42 42	
	<hr/>	264,742 42

## REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Amount of outstanding orders redeemed.....		3,500 00
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## STREET DAMAGES.

J. B. Simon, Eleventh street.....	\$200 00	
Louis Kapphan Colder street.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	500 00

## DOG FUND.

Johnston & Co., dog tags.....	\$115 00	
H. A. Hoopes, killing dogs.....	7 50	
D. K. Callender, as per resolution.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	172 50

Amount forward.....		\$402,559 48
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Amount brought forward..... \$402,559 48

ABATEMENT AND EXONERATIONS.

Abatement and exonerations on taxes for 1873,  
allowed by Grafton Fox, Treasurer..... 2,041 51

OUTSTANDING TAXES FOR 1873.

Amount of city tax, due and unpaid, upon the duplicates of the several wards, when hand- ed over to the collectors.....	\$32,323 55	
Deduct amount received from collectors subse- quent to their obtaining duplicates for col- lection.....	6,656 58	
Net amount of city tax for 1873 uncollected and outstanding, Jan. 12, 1874, subject to com- missions and exonerations.....		25,666 97
Balance of city tax for 1868 unpaid Jan. 12, 1874,	\$377 33	
Balance of city tax for 1870 unpaid Jan. 12, 1874,	593 56	
Balance of city tax for 1871 unpaid Jan. 12, 1874,	1,208 05	
Balance of city tax for 1872 unpaid Jan. 12, 1874,	295 85	
		2,474 79
Amount of market rents for 1872-3 outstanding Jan. 12, 1874.....	\$157 39	
Amount of market rents for 1873-4 outstanding Jan. 12, 1874.....	7,560 00	
		7,717 39
		<u>\$440,460 14</u>

I, L. R. Metzger, Controller of the finances of the city of Harrisburg, do certify that I have audited, settled and adjusted the accounts of Grafton Fox, Esq., Treasurer of said city, from the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1873, to the twelfth day of January, A. D. 1874; and, after a thorough and careful examination, find a balance of twenty-three hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$2,377.85) due the said Grafton Fox, Treasurer, by the city of Harrisburg, January 12th, A. D. 1874, and that the account as above stated is correct.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1874.

L. R. METZGER, [SEAL.]  
City Controller.

## STATEMENT OF CITY DEBT.

Funded debt of the Borough of Harrisburg, Jan.		
13th, 1873, as per auditors report.....	\$140,609 50	
Less Borough bonds redeemed and cancelled by City Controller.....	2,200 00	
		\$138,409 50
City bonds issued from April 1st, 1860, to Jan.		
13th, 1873.....	\$233,200 00	
Less bonds redeemed and cancelled by City Controller, Jan. 12th, 1874.....	2,300 00	
		230,900 00
Bonds issued for the payment of street damages from Jan. 13th, 1873, to Jan. 12th, 1874..		
		500 00
Water bonds issued for New Water Works, January 13th, 1873.....		
	\$49,000 00	
Water bonds issued for New Water Works from Jan. 13, 1873, to Jan. 12, 1874.....		
	264,700 00	
Total am't Water bonds issued for New Water Works up to Jan. 12, 1874.....		313,700 00
City bonds issued for the payment of outstand- ing orders, in accordance with the act of Assembly of April 5th, 1873.....		
		17,800 00
Improvement bonds issued for laying water pipe and constructing sewers, up to Jan. 12, '74,		
	\$15,117 01	
Less Improvement bonds redeemed to January 12th, 1874.....	2,600 00	
Am't of Imp. bonds outstanding, Jan. 12, 1874,		12,517 01
Total.....		
Total bonded debt of the city of Harrisburg, Jan. 12, 1874..		\$713,826 51
Amount of orders outstanding and unpaid, Jan. 12, 1874....		17,540 82
Balance due by the city of Harrisburg to Grafton Fox, Esq., City Treasurer, Jan. 12, 1874.....		2,377 85
Total.....		
		\$733,745 18
Deduct amounts unpaid and due the city of Harrisburg, January 12th, A. D. 1874:—		
City Tax for 1868.....	\$377 33	
“ 1870.....	593 56	
“ 1871.....	1,208 05	
“ 1872.....	295 85	
“ 1873.....	25,666 97	
Due by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for water rent.....	2,700 00	
Market Rents for 1872-73.....	157 39	
“ “ 1873-74.....	7,560 00	
Assessments for water pipe and sewerage, un- paid Jan. 12th, A. D. 1874.....	12,526 01	
		51,085 16
Actual indettedness of the city of Harrisburg, Jan. 12, 1874,		
		\$682,660 02

STATEMENT of the estimated market value of the real and personal property  
owned by the city of Harrisburg:

Value of New Water Works, Jan. 12, 1874....	\$313,700 00	
Value of Old Water Works, and the Reservoir grounds located on the corner of North and Elder streets.....	125,000 00	
Water mains and distributing pipe.....	100,000 00	
Value of Weigh Scales.....	400 00	
Value of Market Houses located at the inter- section of Second and Market streets.....	1,000 00	
Value of Engine Houses—Friendship.....	4,000 00	
Hope .....	8,000 00	
Citizen .....	5,000 00	
Paxton .....	4,000 00	
Mount Vernon.....	3,000 00	
Good Will.....	7,000 00	
Value of Fire Engines, Apparatus, &c.....	20,000 00	
Total.....	—————	\$591,100 00

L. R. METZGER,

*City Controller.*

MARCH 21st, A. D. 1874.